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In re application of: **Rich et al.**

Serial No.: **09/746,582**

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For: **Composite Keystore Facility  
Apparatus and Method Therefor**

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No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. A one month extension of time is believed to be necessary and a check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed. No additional extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action dated August 06, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.